

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11-16, 20-22, and 26-42 are pending, with claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, 20, 26 and 29 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, 20, 26, 29 and 32-38 have been amended and new claims 39-42 have been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claim 1 and the Examiner's indication that claims 32-38 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended to remove the non-essential feature that the electronic apparatus is selected from a video camera, a projector, a projection TV, a head-mounted display, a car navigation apparatus, a personal computer and a portable information terminal. This feature has been included in new dependent claims 39-41.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, 20, 26, 29 have been amended to recite the feature that is believed to be the basis for the allowance of claim 1 and the indication that claims 32-38 (which depend from claims 2, 5, 11, 14, 20, 26 and 29) are directed to allowable subject matter (*i.e.*, that the interlayer insulating film includes lower and upper insulating layers and the upper insulating layer has an opening to expose the lower insulating layer in the opening). Claims 32-38 have been amended to remove this feature. New claim 42 depends from claim 4 and recites the feature remaining in claims 32-38.

The amendments to the claims and the new claims are proper after the final rejection because they do not raise new issues and are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced.


Claims 14-16 and 20-22 have been rejected as being anticipated by Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,510,916); claims 2, 4-7, 11-13 and 26-31 have been rejected as being obvious over Sato (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,485) in view of Ueda (U.S. Patent No. 5,459,596), Miyazawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,260), Hanazawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,171), Koseki (U.S. Patent No. 5,345,324) and Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,510,916). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in view of the amendments to independent claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, 20, 26 and 29 to recite the feature that is believed to be the basis for the allowance of claim 1 and the indication that claims 32-38 are directed to allowable subject matter.

All claims are in condition for allowance.

The fees in the amount of \$320 for the additional claims (\$200) and for the one-month extension (\$120) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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